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POETS' CORNER.

HAVE COURAGE TO SAY NO.

You're starting to-day on life's journey,
Along on the high-way of life;
You'll meet with a thousand temptations,
Each city with evil is rife.
This world is a stage of excitement,
There's danger wherever you go;
But when you are tempted in weakness,
Have courage, my boy, to say no!

The Syren's sweet song may allure you;
Beware of her cunning and art:
Whenever you see her approaching,
Be guarded and haste to depart.
The Billiard Saloons are inviting,
Decked out in their tinsel and show;
You may be invited to enter,
Have courage, my boy, to say no!

The bright ruby wine may be offered,
No matter how tempting it be,
From poison that stings like an adder,
My boy, have courage to flee.
The gambling halls are before you,
Their lights, how they dance to and fro;
If you should be tempted to enter,
Think twice, even thrice, ere you go.

In courage alone lies your safety,
When you the long journey begin,
And trust in a Heavenly Father,
Who'll keep you unspotted from sin.
Temptations will go on increasing,
As streams from a rivulet flow,
But if you are true to your manhood,
Have courage, my boy, to say no!

A DISCOURSE.

By Prest. Joseph Smith being the funeral sermon of elder King Follett; from the *Millennial Star*.

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(Errata. In Discourse in last issue 15th line, read, "Is it logical to say," etc. instead of "It is logical to say," etc.)

A man cannot commit the unpardonable sin after the dissolution of the body, and there is a way possible for escape. Knowledge saves a man; and in the world of spirits no man can be exalted but by knowledge. So long as a man will not give heed to the commandments, he must abide without salvation. If a man has knowledge, he can be saved; although, if he has been guilty of great sins, he will be punished for them. But when he consents to obey the Gospel, whether here or in the world of spirits, he is saved.

A man is his own tormenter and his own condemner. Hence the saying, They shall go into the lake that burns with fire and brimstone. The torment

of disappointment in the mind of man is exquisite as a lake burning with fire and brimstone. I say so is the torment of man.

I know the Scriptures and understand them. I said no man can commit the unpardonable sin after the dissolution of body, nor in this life, until he receives the Holy Ghost; but they must do it in this world. Hence the salvation of Jesus Christ was brought out for all men in order to triumph over the devil; for if it did not catch him in one place, it would in another; for he stood up as a Saviour. All will suffer until they obey Christ himself.

The contention in heaven was—Jesus said there would be certain souls that would not be saved; and the Devil said he could save them all, and laid his plans before the grand council, who gave their vote in favor of Jesus Christ. So the Devil rose up in rebellion against God, and was cast down, with all who put up their heads for him.

All sins shall be forgiven, except the sin against the Holy Ghost; for Jesus will save all except the sons of perdition. What must a man do to commit the unpardonable sin? He must receive the Holy Ghost, have the heavens opened unto him, and know God, and then sin against Him. After a man has sinned against the Holy Ghost there is no redemption for him. He has got to say the sun does not shine while he sees it; he has got to deny Jesus Christ when the heavens have been opened unto him, and to deny the plan of salvation with his eyes open to the truth of it; and from that time he begins to be an enemy. This is the case with many apostates of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

When a man begins to be an enemy to this work, he hunts me, he seeks to kill me, and never ceases to thirst for my blood. He gets the spirit of the Devil—the same spirit that they had who crucified the Lord of Life—the same spirit that sins against the Holy Ghost. You cannot save such persons; they make open war, like the Devil, and awful is the consequence.

I advise all of you to be careful what you do, or you may by-and-by find out that you have been deceived. Stay

yourselves; don't make any hasty moves; you may be saved. If a spirit of bitterness is in you, don't be in haste. You may say that man is a sinner. Well, if he repents, he shall be forgiven. Be cautious: await. When you find a spirit that wants bloodshed—murder, the same is not of God, but is of the Devil. Out of the abundance of the heart of man the mouth speaketh.

The best men bring forth the best works. The man who tells you words of life is the man who can save you. I warn you against all evil characters who sin against the Holy Ghost; for there is no redemption for them in this world nor the world to come.

I could go back and trace every subject of interest concerning the relationship of man to God, if I had time. I can enter into the mysteries; I can enter largely into the eternal worlds; for Jesus said, 'In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you.' I go to prepare a place for you. (*John 14th. chap., 2nd. v.*) Paul says, 'There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead.' (*1st Cor. 15th. chap., 41st. v.*) What have we to console us in relation to the dead? We have reason to have the greatest hope and consolations for our dead of any people on the earth; for we have seen them walk worthily in our midst, and seen them sink asleep in the arms of Jesus: and those who have died in the faith are now in the celestial kingdom of God. And hence is the glory of the sun.

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Village Destroyed by a Tornado.

East Saginaw, Sept. 20.—Sherman city, a small village in Isabella county, Michigan, was annihilated yesterday by a terrific tornado. Every store, dwelling house and shed in the village was swept clean, except a frame dwelling, which was partially destroyed. The air was thick with timbers, boards, bricks and stones. The inhabitants took refuge in cellars. Mr. Fryo, his wife, little girl and baby, were badly injured. At Coleman's Michigan, considerable damage was done.—*S. L. Herald*.